

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 945

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the members of the Blount Memorial Auxiliary for sixty years of laudable service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable groups which have as their purpose the dedication to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Blount Memorial Auxiliary is one such estimable group which, for sixty years, has evinced the greatest integrity and probity in its support of Blount Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 1948, the Blount Memorial Auxiliary was founded by representatives of local civic and church groups for the purpose of providing service to Blount Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, what began as a twenty-seven member group has grown over the past six decades to include more than 260 dedicated volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Auxiliary's first service project of sewing and mending has expanded to include more than twenty different services which impact the comfort of the patients at Blount Memorial Hospital and the daily operations of the hospital; and

WHEREAS, since 1962, the Auxiliary has been instrumental in providing health career education to hundreds of Blount Countians, awarding more than \$300,000 in scholarships; and

WHEREAS, the Auxiliary has created several opportunities, such as a junior volunteer program, which serve to develop interests in health career choices; and

WHEREAS, members have further enhanced community relations through pediatric orientation and programs offered to children in kindergarten through third grade; and

WHEREAS, public servants of the highest order, the members of the Blount Memorial Auxiliary have contributed more than one million dollars in gifts and volunteer hours to Blount Memorial Hospital and its patients; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Blount Memorial Auxiliary are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend the members of the Blount Memorial Auxiliary for sixty years of honorable and astute service to the citizens of Tennessee as we salute their unswerving commitment to Blount Memorial Hospital and the good people of Blount County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.